| Year | Number of Cylinders Supplied | Number of Inspections carried out |
|---|---|---|
| 1990-91 | 55632 | 6 |
| 1991-92 | 59352 | 6 |
| 1992-93 | 60050 | 3 |

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As reported by IOC, no complaint has been received regarding non acceptance of booking of refills over telephone.

(e) whenever complaints are received, action is taken in terms of Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

**Permssion for setting up and leasing of LPG bottling plants**

375. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted the setting up and leasing of LPG bottling plants, etc. by private companies for public sector oil companies; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Public Sector Oil Companies have been permitted to take on lease LPG Bottling Plants set up by private companies, under mutually agreed commercial terms.

**Developing smaller ports like Okha in Gujarat**

376. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is developing smaller ports like Okha in Gujarat for the handling of LPG to be imported by private entrepreneurs under the parallel marketing scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.

(b) Does not arise.

**MOU with Oman Oil Company**

377. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during the visit of Prime Minister of Oman, Oman Oil Company has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to invest in Petroleum Refineries in India; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the Refineries will be under public sector undertaking; and

(c) whether the marketing of the refineries' product will be under the control of Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NAURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b). During the visit of a high level delegation headed by the Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural

Gas, two separate Memoranda of Understanding were signed amongst Government of India, Government of Sultanate of Oman, HPCL/BPCL, Oman Oil Company Limsted on 13-3-1993 at Museat;

(c) The marketing of all formula petroleum products shall be through HPCL and BPCL and products other than formula products would be handled by the respective Joint venture Compnies.

**Fire at Power Plant of the Mathura Oil Refinery**

378. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fire broke out in the power plant of the Mathura Oil Refinery on the 5th May last;

(b) if so, what has been the estimated loss due to this fire;

(c) whether an inquiry has been ordered into this fire incident;

(d) if so, whether inquiry report has been received;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(f) the number of fire incidents in this Refinery during the last five years and the total loss suffered as a result thereof; and

(g) the preventive measures taken by Government to avoid such incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MNIISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NAURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated loss to the equipment and facilities due to the fire is approximately Rs. 5.0 crores.

(c) and (d). The report of the enquiry ordered by IOC has been received by the IOC management.

(e) According to the report, the fire was caused due to leakage of lubricating oil, which soaked the insulation and subsequently caught fire due to auto ignition Action taken to avoid such recurrences includes improvement in operating procedures/practices, and in plant facilities, and upgradation of fire protection facilities.

(f) There were eight incidents of fire during the last five years in Mathura Refinery. The total loss suffered as a result of these fires is approximately Rs. 10.355 crores including the fire on 5th May, 1993.

(g) To prevent recurrence of such fire incidents, steps have been taken by the Government through its Oil Industry Safety Directorate, to advise all oil companies to analyse the cause of each major fire, to ensure further strengthening of the inspection, Maintenance and operating procedures, and to conduct periodically, special Safety Audits by multi-disciplinary teams for necessary corrective measures wherever required.

**Level crossings in Madhya Pradesh**

379. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of level crossings in Madhya Pradesh and how many of them are unmanned crossings;

(b) whether any proposals for construction of new over bridges at busy level crossings are under consideration; if so, the details thereof; indicating the estimated cost thereof and the share of the State and Central Government in respect thereof; and

(c) the number of level crossing accidents in the State during the last three years and the current year so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Number of Level Crossings in Madhya Pradesh is 2914 out of which 1679 are unmanned.

(b) The details of proposals under consideration are as follows: (These do not include works already sanctioned)